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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 25, 2010

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Contract For Construction Of American Recovery And Reinvestment

Act Access Ramp And Sidewalk Maintenance Project

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

A. Award a contract with Toro Enterprises, Inc. (Toro), in the amount of \$603,170 for construction of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Access Ramp and Sidewalk Maintenance Project (Project), Bid No. 3593; and

B. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a contract and approve expenditures up to \$86,830 to cover any cost increases that may result from contract change orders for extra work and differences between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities measured for payment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) into law on February 17, 2009. California's share for highway and bridge projects is \$2.6 billion. The City's share for Recovery Act highway and bridge construction projects is \$3,774,796.

In September 2009, the Federal Highway Administration authorized funding for three separate Recovery Act projects within the City, including \$800,000 for this Project. This Project consists of the installation of access ramps and sidewalk maintenance. The completed Project will enhance pedestrian accessibility for people with and without disabilities at priority locations citywide.

DISCUSSION:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This Project consists of the installation of 59 sidewalk access ramps in priority pedestrian corridors, and the repair of over 30,000 square feet of existing sidewalk. These priority corridors for enhancing access for people with disabilities were

established through coordination between Public Works staff and the Access Advisory Committee (AAC).

A primary role of the AAC is to assist staff by making recommendations on how to prioritize accessibility-related Capital Projects for completion as part of the Six-year Capital Improvement Plan. The AAC also assists the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator with a variety of program access improvements and special projects, and provides education and positive intervention to assist other entities in the community to comply with access requirements.

The access ramps will be installed in the following priority corridors: Modoc Road (4 ramps), Milpas Street (2 ramps), Coast Village Road (6 ramps), De La Vina Street (7 ramps), Gutierrez Street (20 ramps), State Street (11 ramps), and Micheltorena Street (9 ramps). Attachment 1 shows the locations and styles of the sidewalk access ramps.

This Project will complete the majority of the remaining access ramps needed along these corridors. Locations ineligible for Recovery Act funding due to required right of way acquisition or utility conflicts will be installed by future Public Works projects or through private projects.

The sidewalk maintenance locations are focused primarily on the corridors listed above; then on an as-needed basis citywide. See Attachment 2 for the locations of proposed sidewalk maintenance.

CONTRACT BIDS

The Project contained a base bid and two bid alternates. The Project description above is for the base bid only.

The two bid alternates were included to ensure that the full amount of available grant funding would be expended on the Project. Bid Alternate No. 1 includes 8 additional access ramps, and Bid Alternate No. 2 includes 15 additional access ramps. The locations of these additional access ramps are included in Attachment 3. The bid alternates would only have been included in the contract if funding allowed; however, based on the bid results, there are sufficient funds only to award the Base Bid.

A total of eight bids were received for the subject work, ranging as follows:

Bidder		Base Bid	Bid Alternate No. 1	Bid Alternate No. 2		
1.	Toro Enterprises, Inc. Ventura, CA *	\$603,170.00	\$79,732.50	\$103,455.00		
2.	Aguilera Brothers Construction, Inc. Santa Paula, CA	\$709,901.45	\$86,182.90	\$107,331.75		
3.	Berry General Engineering Contractors, Inc. Ventura, CA	\$717,885.00	\$108,377.75	\$144,785.00		
4.	Lash Construction, Inc. Santa Barbara, CA	\$739,545.00	\$93,835.00	\$111,395.00		
5.	G. Sosa Construction, Inc. Ventura, CA	\$766,545.00	\$128,250.00	\$147,975.00		
6.	Nye & Nelson, Inc. Ventura, CA	\$807,490.00	\$95,284.00	\$118,325.00		
7.	Granite Construction Company Watsonville, CA	\$837,305.00	\$85,993.00	\$107,525.00		
8.	Elevation General Engineering Contractors, Inc. Santa Maria, CA	\$972,685.00	\$200,117.50	\$258,684.00		
*Award of Contract Based on Amount of Base Bid						

The low base bid of \$603,170, submitted by Toro, is an acceptable bid that is responsive to and meets the requirements of the bid specifications. Sufficient funding is not available to include the bid alternates in the contract amount. The additional work proposed in these alternates may be included if sufficient change order funding remains at the end of this Project. Otherwise, this work will receive prioritization for future access ramp projects.

The total contract amount is \$603,170, plus an additional \$86,830 for change orders, for a total of \$690,000. The change order funding recommendation represents approximately 14% and is within the typical range for this type of work and size of project.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Prior to construction, a notice will be delivered to each business and residence located within 200 feet of the work included within this contract. The notice will include a brief outline of the work, the project schedule, and the contractor's contact information. Notices will also be given to the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District, Clean Air Express, and the Coastal Express.

FUNDING

This Project is funded with Recovery Act and Measure D funds. Measure D funding was utilized for staff time to design the Project. The Recovery Act is funding the entire construction phase of this Project totaling \$800,000. In addition to the construction contract (\$690,000), costs for this phase include construction management and inspection (\$102,000) as well as material testing (\$8,000), and costs for design and services to be performed by City staff (\$85,510). The total project cost is \$885,510.

Construction management and inspection will be performed by City staff. Costs for this work are eligible for reimbursement through the Recovery Act. There are sufficient appropriated funds in the Streets Fund to cover the remaining Project cost. Additional City funding would be required if the total construction phase costs exceed \$800,000.

The following summarizes the expenditures recommended in this report:

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FUNDING SUMMARY

	Basic Contract	Change Funds	Total	
Toro Enterprises, Inc.	\$603,170	\$86,830	\$690,000	
TOTAL RECOMMENDED	AL RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION			

The following summarizes all Project design costs, construction contract funding, and other Project costs:

ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST

Task	City Share	Recovery Act Share	Total Amount
Design (by City staff)	\$44,850	\$0	\$44,850
Survey (by City staff)	\$40,660	\$0	\$40,660
Subtotal	\$85,510	\$0	\$85,510
Construction Contract	\$0	\$603,170	\$603,170
Construction Change Order Allowance	\$0	\$86,830	\$86,830
Subtotal	\$0	\$690,000	\$690,000
Construction Management/Inspection (by City Staff)	\$0	\$102,000	\$102,000
Other Construction Costs (testing, etc.)	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
Subtotal	\$0	\$110,000	\$110,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$85,510	\$800,000	\$885,510

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

This Project will improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians along key corridors. It will potentially contribute to the City's sustainability goals by encouraging more people to walk, reducing fuel consumption and air pollution.

ATTACHMENT(S): 1. Recovery Act Access Ramp Location Map

2. Recovery Act Sidewalk Maintenance Location Map

3. Access Ramp Locations and Styles – Bid Schedule

Nos. 2 & 3

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